COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, February 11th, 1886.

A special meeting of the City Council was held last night to receive the report of the Special Railway Committee. There were present Mayor Hodgens, Ald. Taylor, Davis, O'Meara, Kingston, McDonald, Browne, Hock, Dawson, Garrett, Boyd, Bartlett, Heaman and Nutkins.

A deputation of the promoters of the London & Southeastern Railway, consisting of Messrs. Chas. S. Hyman, John Marshall, C. B. Hunt, John Campbell, B. Cronyn, Chas. Murray, M. Masuret and J. B. Laing. J. W. Little, D. M. Cameron and J. E. Nelles were also present.

REPORT OF SPECIAL RAILWAY COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Taylor, chairman—That, in answer to the communication of the City Solicitor from Toronto, your committee recommend that the Council grant no concessions to the Grand Trunk Railway Company for not opposing the London & Southeastern Railway Bill before the Ontario Legislature.

ON MOTION.

The report was received and adopted.

Mr. Cronyn then read the following offer:

To His Worship the Mayor and Corporation of the City of London:

It having been brought under the notice of the Railway Committee of the Board of Trade that the Grand Trunk Railway have, among other things, requested that they should, in the charter incorporating the London & Southeastern Railway, now before the Ontario Legislature, be given the right to surrender the lease of the Port Stanley Railway, the members of the Railway Committee desire to place the followingproposition before your honorable body, vz.: That in case a surrender of the said lease takes place, or is procured within the present month, that the members of the railway committee are prepared to assume the position of lessees of the London & Port Stanley Railway, guaranteeing and securing in an undoubted manner the present rental money, which proposition they agree and bind themselves to carry out as attested by their signatures appended hereto. Dated at London the 10th February, 1886.

Chas. S. Hyman,
John Campbelll,
John Bland,
M. Masuret,
John Labatt,
J. W. Little,
Chas. Murray,
W. J. Reid,
John Marshall,
T. Herbert Marsh,
Chas. B. Hunt,
J. D. Saunby,
J. B. Laing,
T. H. Smallman.

Ald. O'Meara moved, seconded by Ald. Boyd—That inasmuch as the G. T. R. have made overtures to this city with respect to the surrender of the L. & P. S. R. lease, be it therefore resolved, that this Council is prepared to accept an unconditional surrender of the same forthwith. Carried.

Ald. Browne moved, seconded by Ald. Garrett—That after hearing the views of the Railway Committee of the Board of Trade, this Council deems it advisable that the Special Committee appointed by the Council should associate itself with the above Committee for the purpose of obtaining the charter of the Southeastern Railway and further railway connection with the Canadian Pacific and Michigan Central systems of railways, and that the communication from the deputation be referred to the amalgamated committee to report at next meeting of the Council. Carried.

It was moved by Ald. Taylor, and seconded by Ald. Kingston—That this Council having heard the deputation from the Railway Committee of the Board of Trade, desires to express its entire approval of the action of that committee up to the present time, and requests them to continue their efforts towards obtaining connection with the Canada Pacific and Michigan Central Railway systems, assuring them of this Council's hearty co-operation and assistance. Carried.

Adjourned.